(c) if so, the time by which these industrial units are likely to be set up; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) In Bihar, Aurangabad, Bhojpur, Khagria, Nalanda, Purnea and Saharsa have been declared as No-Industry Districts.

(b) to (d). Industrialisation of an area is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Central Government supplement the efforts of the State Government wherever possible.

Under the Growth Centre Scheme, Bihar has been allotted six growth centres, out of which locations of five have been selected and announced. A growth centre each is proposed to be developed in the districts of Aurangabad and Purnea. The selected centre would be provided with all basic infrastructure facilities for industrial development. The scheme would be implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan.

[*Translation*]

Applications for Industries in Bihar

2563. SHRI RAM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received by the Union Government to set up industries in Bihar during the last three years;

(b) the number of applications cleared/rejected;

(c) the reasons for these applications lying pending since long; and

(d) the efforts made so far for early disposal of those applications pending for industrial clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). During the period 1989 to 1992 (upto 29.2.92) 149 applications to set up industries in Bihar have been received. Of these 149 applications, 26 have been approved, 44 have been rejected and 15 have been otherwise disposed of.

(c) and (d). There are specified time limits for the disposal of applications for grant of industrial approvals. All steps are taken to ensure that the applications are disposed of within this time frame.

[*English*]

Explorations at Dwarka

2564. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) since when explorations have been carried out at Dwarka by the National Institute of Oceanography, Goa;

(b) the findings thereof;

(c) whether an analysis of these findings has been made;

(d) if so, the conclusions thereof;

(e) whether there is any proposal for exploration at Dehotsarga near Somnath; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE

MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). Underwater explorations of Dwarka carried out since 1982 have led to the following significant findings:-

— a jetty and inner and outer fortifications;

— Mooring stones and large 3-holed anchors datable to 1500 BC found in 12.5 metre water depth.

— A number of antiquities, such as seal inscribed jar, anchors, pottery, iron, bronze and copper artifacts and bases of flagposts recovered.

(c) and (d). As per the tentative conclusions drawn, the legendary city of Dwarka is believed to have been a large fortified port-city built by reclaiming land from the sea and subsequently submerging in it. The excavated city could be assigned to 1600 B.C. based on the Thermoluminiscence date.

(e) and (f). Explorations in the vicinity of Somnath upto 10 metre water depth were carried out in January, 1992

Finance for Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Projects

2565. DR. Y.S. RAJASEKHAR REDDY:
SHRI RABI RAY:
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:
SHRIMATI BASAVA RAJESWARI:
SHRI DHARMABHIKSHAM:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a national level financing institution for rural water supply and sanitation projects to attract public contribution and investment in this sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UTTAMBHAI H. PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

[*Translation*]

Purchase of Land in States

2566. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States where residents of other States cannot purchase land; and

(b) the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b). The information is being collected from the State Governments and will be laid on the table of the House.

[*English*]

Workers affected by 'Exit Policy'

2567 SHRI TARIT BARAN TOPDAR:
SHRI RUPCHAND PAL

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of employees of the sick public sector undertakings may lose their jobs in the coming years as a result of "Exit Policy";